Policy for Passenger Safety

5084. SHRIAIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions to all the automobile industries to implement the new specifications for steering wheels, seats, seat belts and brakes by April, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the other measures prescribed for passenger safety;

(d) whether Government propose to make ISU certification compulsory for all passenger safety devices fitted in the automobiles;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(0 by when the new policy is likely to be effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Steering effort and Steering impact for all motor vehicles other than three wheelers not fitted with steering wheels, motor-cycles, invalid carriages and agricultural tractors have been prescribed. These have to conform to IS: 111948-99 in respect of steering effort and to IS: 11939-% in respect of steering impact and have come into effect from 1st May, 2003.

The seat specifications in respect of Ml category of motor vehicles (passenger vehicles with seating capacity of up to eight excluding the driver) have to conform to AIS:016-2000 with effect from 1st January, 2003.

The safety belts have to conform to AIS:005 -2000 with effect from 1st October, 2002.

The high speed braking requirement for Ml category of motor vehicles have come into force from 30th November, 2002 in respect of new vehicles and in respect of already type approved vehicles, it shall come into force from 31st May, 2003.

(c) The Chapter V of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 prescribes norms in respect of various automotive components related to passenger safety like Tyres, Brake, Steering Gear, Wind screen Wiper, Lamp, Signaling device etc.

(d) to (f) There is no ISU certification. The norms for various automotive components are defined in terms of AIS specifications, till such time as corresponding BIS specifications are notified. Development of these specifications is a continuous on-going exercise and no time frame can thus be fixed for evolving of standards for all passenger safety related automotive components.

Externally Funded Projects in Tamil Nadu

5085. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the externally funded/aided projects that are under implementation in Tamil Nadu, indicating the estimated cost, quantum of external assistance; and

(b) the details of the progress of such projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD) (B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Presently there is no externally funded/aided project under implementation on National Highway in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds to States under CRF

5086. PROF.M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation made under the Central Road Fund for the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether his Ministry has utilised the funds allocated for the last year;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B. C. KHANDURI) : (a) to (c) The details are given in the enclosed statement I and II *(See* below).

(d) Due to slow pace of expenditure some of the States/UTs did not utilize the full allocated funds.